

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVES BARRAS, ABRAHAM, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ANDERS, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, BISHOP, BOUIE, BROADWATER, CHAD BROWN, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, ROBBY CARTER, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, CONNICK, COUSSAN, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, GLOVER, GUINN, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, LANCE HARRIS, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, JONES, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LYONS, MACK, MAGEE, MARCELLE, MCFARLAND, MIGUEZ, DUSTIN MILLER, GREGORY MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, PEARSON, PIERRE, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, WHITE, WILLMOTT, AND ZERINGUE

CONDOLENCES: Expresses condolences upon the death of state representative Rodnette "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the
3 death of state representative Rodnette "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards.

4 WHEREAS, it was with deep regret and profound sorrow that the members of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana learned of the death of their colleague and dear friend, Ronnie
6 Edwards, on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the age of sixty-three, after a courageous
7 battle with pancreatic cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronnie Edwards was a native of Woodville, Mississippi, and a resident
9 of Baton Rouge; and

10 WHEREAS, Ronnie Edwards was an esteemed public servant who left an indelible
11 mark on the lives of the citizens of House District 29, which encompasses East Baton Rouge
12 and West Baton Rouge; and

1 WHEREAS, prior to her election to the House of Representatives, Ms. Edwards
2 served with great passion on the Baton Rouge Metro Council for six years; and

3 WHEREAS, she became an advocate of healthy living initiatives and cancer
4 screenings; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Edwards was well known for her passion for affordable housing;
6 she worked for the Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation; and

7 WHEREAS, on Monday, January 11, 2016, Ms. Edwards was sworn in to the House
8 of Representatives; she was assigned to serve as a member of the House Committee on
9 Health and Welfare, the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs, and
10 the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works; and

11 WHEREAS, she was a member of the Acadiana Delegation, the Capital Region
12 Legislative Delegation, the Democratic Caucus, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus, and
13 the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Edwards will forever be respected and remembered for
15 her commitment to the citizens of Louisiana, for her compassion, for her generosity, her
16 contagious smile, and for the fierce determination with which she fought to bring her
17 innovative ideas to life for the betterment of all Louisianians; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Edwards is survived by her loving husband, Oliver G.
19 Edwards; her mother, Gladys D. Hammond; her children, Chanel Gené Edwards Ward and
20 Cody Jerome Edwards; her step children, Oliver G. Edwards, Jr., and Tammy Edwards; her
21 grandchildren, Autumn Edwards, Prince Edwards, Heaven Edwards, and Israel Edwards; her
22 step grandchildren, Tiara Edwards and Jada Edwards; her step great-grandchild, Amaya
23 Anderson; and her brother, Derek Maurice Bethley; and numerous relatives and friends; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Edwards was preceded in death by her father, James
25 Bethley, and her grandparents, Reverend George L. Davis and Hester Jane Walker Davis;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Legislature of Louisiana to take proper notice of
28 Representative Edwards' accomplishments and to express the immense pride of the people
29 of the state in this beloved individual; and

1 WHEREAS, the death of Representative Edwards has left a tremendous void in her
2 community and has created a genuine sense of sorrow in the many citizens whose lives she
3 touched, including the Legislature of Louisiana, who mourn the loss of this extraordinary
4 woman who served her state and community so well and passionately.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of state representative Rodnette
7 "Ronnie" Bethley Edwards; does hereby recognize that her legacy of dedicated public
8 service shall forever endure; and does hereby record for posterity the abiding appreciation
9 of the citizens of Louisiana for her extraordinary contributions and achievements.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to the family of Ronnie Edwards.

DIGEST

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